

H3479–80, and H3480. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007.

BOUTIQUE FUEL REDUCTION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on the Boutique Fuel Reduction Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Karen A. Harbert, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; Robert J. Meyers, Associate Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

HURRICANE SEASON FUEL SUPPLY ISSUES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “Keeping the Fuel Flowing from the Gulf: Are We Prepared for the Hurricane Season?” Testimony was heard from GEN David L. Johnson, USAF (ret.) Director, National Weather Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; ADM Thomas Barrett, USCG (ret.) Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

GSA FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Financial Management Challenges at the General Services Administration.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA: Kathleen Turco, Chief Financial Officer; and Eugene L. Waszily, Jr., Assistant Inspector General, Auditing.

BRIEFING—RECENT GRANT AWARDS TO STATES AND URBAN AREAS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology meet in executive session to receive a briefing on the recently announced grant awards to States and urban areas under the State Homeland Security Grant Program, the Urban Area Security Initiative, and the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program. The Subcommittee was briefed by Tracy Henke, Assistant Secretary, Grants and Training, Department of Homeland Security.

SYRIA ACCOUNTABILITY/LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act Two Years Later: Next Steps for U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from Representative Engel; Theodore Kattouf, former Ambassador to Syria; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4019, amended, To amend title 4 of the United States Code to clarify the treatment of self-employment for purposes of the limitation on State taxation of retirement income; H.R. 1595, Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act; and H.R. 2840, amended, Federal Agency Protection of Privacy Act of 2005. The Committee also began markup of H.R. 2389, Pledge Protection Act of 2005.

COMMUNICATIONS OPPORTUNITY, PROMOTION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 5252, Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendments, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the

Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Barton of Texas and Representatives Upton, Sensenbrenner, Tom Davis of Virginia, Gutknecht, Peterson of Pennsylvania, Dingell, Markey, Rush, Stupak, Doyle, Solis, Gonzalez, Baldwin, Conyers, Hinchey, and Bean.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCE, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 5522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe and Lowey.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5356, Early Career Research Act; H.R. 5358, Science and Mathematics Education for Competitiveness Act; and H.R. 5136, National Integrated Drought Information System Act of 2006.

INTERNET CONTRACTING BARRIERS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Contracting the Internet: Does ICANN create a barrier to small business?" Testimony was heard from former Representative Richard A. White of the State of Washington; and public witnesses.

HOUSE TRAVEL RULES— RECOMMENDATIONS ON CHANGES

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Held a hearing regarding possible changes to House rules governing gifts of travel (including any transportation, lodging and meals during such travel) from private sources. Testimony was heard from John

Engler, former Governor of Michigan and President and CEO, National Association of Manufacturers; Bradley Gordon, Director, Legislation, American Israel Political Action Committee; Chellie Pingree, President and CEO, Common Cause; Rev. W. Douglas Tanner, President, Faith and Politics Institute; and Michael Franc, Vice President, Heritage Foundation

OVERSIGHT—IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFETEA: LU

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Implementation of SAFETEA: LU. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Richard Capka, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Sandra Bushue, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Jacqueline Glassman, Acting Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; John H. Hill, Acting Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and Ashok G. Kaveeshwar, Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration.

OVERSIGHT—REVIEW VA'S MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing to review the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Prosthetic Research program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; and Joel Kupersmith, M.D., Chief Research and Development Officer; and representatives of veterans organizations.

BRIEFING—TARGET ANALYSIS AS A NEW CAREER TRACK

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Target Analysis as a New Career Track; Direct Analytical Support to Operations. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees met on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, and agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.